RESOLUTION NUMBER 196 Vorece Brooks

WHEREAS, Mrs. Vorece Brooks was born February 11, 1916, and is marking her centennial this year; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Brooks has been a resident of St. Louis since 1947, when she migrated from Holly Springs, Mississippi, with her family; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Brooks became a member of Parrish Stewart CME Church in 1948 and is its oldest living member; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Brooks is a mother of four and worked for several prominent families as a cook before finding employment at Missouri Pacific Hospital; and

WHEREAS, she has been an education advocate and continued her education while working as a personal caregiver to became a Certified Nurse Attendant at the age of 67 and graduated from computer class at the age of 92; she finally retired at 94 from Friendly Temple Retirement Community as a part-time Resident Manager Assistant; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Brooks is an inspiration to her entire family and has set a standard to "always be better than yesterday"; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Brooks is the matriarch of five generations and taught her family to live by the Golden Rule; she is a living example of the blessings received through faith and honoring Christ; she has shared food and shelter with many and has always treated everyone she meets just like family throughout her life; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Brooks is the foundation and the center of her family.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize Mrs. Vorece Brooks as she and her family mark her 100 years on this Earth. We further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 5th day of February, 2016, by:

The Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Adopted this the 5th day of February, 2016, as attested by:

Tim O'Connell

Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed

President, Board of Aldermen